

# MARCH 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE

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Friday, March 2, 2007

10:00 a.m. - Talk - ♿ - Those Rambunctious Ravens!

45 Minutes

Can you tell Ravens from Crows? Do you believe the myths and poems about Ravens? Come hear Volunteer Naturalist Joan Rosen give an outdoor presentation in the Plaza about our Borrego Ravens and their lively times.



11:00 a.m. - Talk - ♿ - Bats - Myths and Marvels

1 Hour



Join Volunteer Naturalist Norma Decker at the Visitor Center Discovery Lab for this intimate look at the wonders of bats.

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**Saturday, March 3, 2007**

**7:30 a.m. – Talk - The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience**

**1 Hour**

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

**9:00 a.m. – Hike – Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass**

**3 Hours**

Hike Alcoholic Pass! Experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3 hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the Alcoholic Pass Trailhead 2 ½ miles past the end of the blacktop on DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike, bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

**10:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers**

**45 Minutes**

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

**10:00 a.m. – Hike - Milling around Mine Wash**

**4 Hours**

Join Volunteer Archeologist and Certified Naturalist Hank Barber for a fascinating and unforgettable trip to discover an ancient Kumeyaay village site at Mine Wash. During this adventure, we will visit a rock shelter, a ceremonial site, a mesquite grove, as well as see hundreds of bedrock mortars, slicks, basins, and rubs that were used for milling food. Meet in the outer area of the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring lunch, hat, and ample water. 2-Wheel drive is okay.

**12:30 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Wings over Anza Borrego Desert State Park**

**30 Minutes**

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is home to a variety of both resident and migrant birds. Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri to discover some of these beautiful creatures. Meet in the visitor center discovery lab.

**2:00 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - Desert Drug Store**

**30 Minutes**

Join Naturalist Abby Barker to discover the Native American drugstore, the creosote bush. Meet in front of the Visitor Center.

**7:30 p.m. - Campfire - ♿ - After the Rain**

**1 Hour**

The desert is a land of extreme temperatures and drought. However, when rain does fall in this arid environment, it erupts with life. Join Park Ranger Steve Bier to discover the desert after the rain. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

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# March 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



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## Sunday, March 4, 2007

### 7:30 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Beginner's Bird Walk

**1 Hour**

Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

### 1:30 p.m. – Talk - ♿ - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer

**30 Minutes**

The long-eared owl has several unique adaptations for survival. Join Volunteer Naturalist Beth Shugan and discover what makes this owl such a stealthy hunter.

## Tuesday, March 6, 2007

### 9:00 a.m. – Hike – Pictographs – What Were They Trying to Say?

**2 ½ Hours**

Join volunteer naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund on a moderate 3-mile roundtrip hike through a beautiful desert valley to a panoramic overlook. Along the way, we will look at some interesting plants, morteros and rock art. Meet at the entrance to Blair Valley, about a 45 minute drive from the visitor center.

### 10:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Desert-mart

**45 Minutes**

Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Volunteer Naturalist Hank Barber to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicines. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite.

## Thursday, March 8, 2007

### 8:00 a.m. – Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

**3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Joe Hopkins will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for him as you hike to the palm oasis. As an experienced naturalist, he can answer many of your questions about the park. If bighorn are about, he is sure to find them! This is not a guided hike.

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**Friday, March 9, 2007**

**7:30 a.m. – Talk – The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience**

**1 Hour**

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

**11:00 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Trees in the Desert – How Can That Be?**

**30 Minutes**

Take a short walking tour of the visitor center garden with Volunteer Naturalist and tree farmer Jul Nickerson who will introduce you to five of the unusual desert trees native to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

**Saturday, March 10, 2007**

**7:30 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Beginner's Bird Walk**

**1 Hour**

Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

**10:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers**

**45 Minutes**

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

**10:00 a.m. – Hike – Discovering the Archeological History of the Morteros**

**2 Hours**

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

**11:00 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Hardy Desert Survivors**

**45 Minutes**

Join naturalist Abby Barker as she introduces you to some unique and amazing hardy desert survivors in the garden, the desert plants. This is an easy walk around the visitor center garden.

**2:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Surviving the Desert Extremes**

**1 Hour**

Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri and discover the unique adaptations desert plants have which allow them to survive in such a harsh desert environment. Meet in front of the Visitor Center for this casual stroll through the visitor center garden.

**7:30 p.m. - Campfire ♿ - Ranger Surprise**

**1 Hour**

Join our Park Ranger at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire center for an evening campfire program.

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# March 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



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## Sunday, March 11, 2007

### 9:00 a.m. – Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

**3 Hours**

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Loizos will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

### 10:00 a.m. - Talk - ♿ - Those Rambunctious Ravens!

**45 Minutes**

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### 10:00 a. m. – Hike - Milling around Mine Wash

**4 Hours**

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### 11:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Camels, Horses and Sloths --ABDSP fossils

**30 Minutes**

In this 30 minute slide presentation investigate recent fossil finds with Volunteer Naturalist Sandra Keeley. Meet at Visitor Center.

### 1:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Wings over Anza Borrego Desert State Park

**45 Minutes**

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## Tuesday, March 13, 2007

### 9:00 a.m. – Hike – Squeeze through The Slot

**3 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a moderate 3 mile round trip hike through a winding slot canyon with rugged walls, overhanging rocks, and who knows, maybe some wild flowers. You will have to negotiate some tight squeezes and a short climb up a very steep hill. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road on Highway 78.

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**Wednesday, March 14, 2007**

**10:00 a.m. – Talk - ♿ - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer** **30 Minutes**  
The long-eared owl has several unique adaptations for survival. Join Volunteer Naturalist Beth Shugan and discover what makes this owl such a stealthy hunter.

**Thursday, March 15, 2007**

**8:30 a.m. – Talk – The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience** **1 Hour**  
Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

**8:00 p.m. – Campground Talk - ♿ - Carrizo Railroad – The Impossible Railroad** **1 Hour**  
In the southern end of the park there exists a small branch line railroad once dubbed the Impossible Railroad. Its construction and its continued existence has been a challenge throughout its history. Join volunteer interpretive guide Ron Shugan for a presentation on the history of the rail line as well an armchair hike along the current right of way showing not only the current state of the railroad, but also the wonderful views of a remote area of the park. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon campfire center.

**Friday, March 16, 2007**

**11:00 a. m. – Talk ♿ - Desert-mart** **45 Minutes**  
Come stroll down the aisles of Desert-Mart with Volunteer Naturalist Hank Barber to discover how the ingenious Native Americans used desert plants for their food, clothing, shelter, and medicines. Focus is on the three most important plants: Agave, Creosote, and Mesquite.

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# March 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



**Saturday, March 17, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. – Hike – Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass**

**3 Hours**

Hike Alcoholic Pass! Experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3 hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the Visitor Center Flagpole. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike, bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

**10:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers**

**45 Minutes**

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

**10:00 a.m. – Walk - Unsolved Mysteries of Mine Wash**

**1 ½ Hours**

Little is known about the people who lived here over 200 years ago. Ranger Jeri Zemon will help you look for clues left behind at the remains of a Kumeyaay village site on this easy walk. Meet at parking area, 1.5 miles down Mine Wash, off of Highway 78.

**1:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Surviving the Desert Extremes**

**1 Hour**

Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri and discover the unique adaptations desert plants have which allow them to survive in such a harsh desert environment. Meet in front of the Visitor Center for this casual stroll through the visitor center garden.

**8:00 p.m. - Campfire ♿ - Elephant Trees to Hapaha Flats -Exploring the Fish Creek 1 Hour**

Join Ranger Sue McLaughlin for a journey through ABDSP's Fish Creek Sector beginning at the Elephant Trees Nature Trail and ending in Hapaha Flat. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon campfire center.

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## Sunday, March 18, 2007

### 8:00 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Beginner's Bird Walk

1 Hour

Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

### 9:00 a.m. – Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

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## Monday, March 19, 2007

### 8:30 a.m. – Talk – The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience

1 Hour

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

### 12:00 p.m. - Talk - ♿ - Solar Cooking Demonstration

1 Hour

Solar energy - the old & new technology. Volunteer naturalist Eleanor Shimeall demonstrates solar oven cooking and explains why this technology is so important. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater.

## Wednesday, March 21, 2007

### 10:00 a.m. - Talk - ♿ - Camels, Horses and Sloths ABDSP fossils

30 Minutes

In this 30 minute slide presentation investigate recent fossil finds with Volunteer Naturalist Sandra Keeley. Meet at Visitor Center.

### 8:00 p.m. – Campground Talk - ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

1 Hour

Whether you are a first time visitor or one who has not had the opportunity to visit sections of the park, join volunteer interpretive guide Ron Shugan for a slide show presentation meant to provide an overview of the many activities and sights of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. This series of

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slides will make you want to get out and visit some of the many wonders of California's largest state park. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon campfire center.

## Thursday, March 22, 2007

### 9:00 a.m. – Hike - Torote Bowl

**4 Hours**

Join Volunteer Naturalist Mary Eckland and Paul Larson on a 4 ½ mile round-trip hike to Torote Bowl, where elephant trees are plentiful and the view into Mexico is grand. On the way, we'll pass through Pygmy Grove and Southwest Grove of native fan palms. This is a moderate hike with an elevation gain of approximately 750 feet. Meet at the entrance to Mountain Palm Springs campground on Highway S-2. Bring water, a light lunch, and sturdy footwear.

## Friday, March 23, 2007

### 8:30 a.m. – Talk – The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience

**1 Hour**

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

### 11:00 a.m. – Talk ♿ - Bats - Myths and Marvels

**1 Hour**

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### 1:00 p.m. – Walk - ♿ - Trees in the Desert – How Can That Be?

**30 Minutes**

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# March 2007 INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



**Saturday, March 24, 2007**

**8:00 a.m. – Walk - ♿ - Beginner's Bird Walk**

**1 Hour**

Join Park Interpreter Steve Quartieri for an easy walk around the Visitor Center Garden looking for the common birds of our desert. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

**10:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers**

**45 Minutes**

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

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**11:00 a.m. – Display - ♿ - Indian Use of Desert Plants**

**2 Hours**

Stop by the visitor center and see the items made from desert plants. Volunteer naturalist Marge Hatcher will be available for questions about the garden plants around the visitor center and elsewhere in the desert.

**1:00 p. m. – Talk - ♿ - Live Bat Presentation**

**1 Hour**

Experience viewing live bats in a controlled environment as Dick Wilkins from Bat Rescue shares his knowledge and expertise from his many years of working with these mammals. To ensure a seat, please pick up your free ticket between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on the day of the program. Seating will begin at 12:30. Those visitors with tickets who are not seated by 12:45 will forfeit their seats.

**8:00 p.m. – Campfire - ♿ - What is really in those Badlands?**

**1 Hour**

Join Ranger Don Strampfer for a journey into our Borrego Badlands. Explore the life and beauty of this section of our park. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery without leaving your seat. Come to the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire center. P.S. Campfire songs are always a possibility!

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**Sunday, March 25, 2007**

- 9:30 a.m. - Auto Tour of Fish Creek - Water: a Tie to the Past** **3 Hours**  
Discover how water has influenced the shape, size and appearance of this desert environment. Meet at the entrance to Fish Creek on Split Mountain Road. High clearance, preferably 4-wheel drive vehicles recommended.
- 10:00 a.m. - Hike - Discovering the Archeological History of the Morteros** **2 Hours**  
Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, 3 miles off Highway S-2.
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- 11:30 a.m. - Talk - ♿ - The Mormon Battalion - U.S. Army of the West** **1 Hour**  
From the US - Mexican War to the discovery of California gold, there were few major events in the history of the Far West from 1846 to 1849 that did not involve the Mormon Battalion. Join Volunteer Historical Interpreter Dick Overturf, who will talk about why the Battalion was formed (both men and women), the difficult route they took to California, the Native Americans who helped them, and the Battalion's contributions to California and our nation. Meet in the visitor center discovery lab.

**Wednesday, March 28, 2007**

- 10:30 a.m. - Talk - ♿ - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer** **30 Minutes**  
The long-eared owl has several unique adaptations for survival. Join Volunteer Naturalist Beth Shugan and discover what makes this owl such a stealthy hunter.
- 8:00 p.m. - Campground Talk - ♿ - Carrizo Railroad - The Impossible Railroad** **1 Hour**  
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**Thursday, March 29, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. – Hike – Pictographs – What Were They Trying to Say?**

**2 ½ Hours**

Join volunteer naturalists Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund on a moderate 3-mile roundtrip hike through a beautiful desert valley to a panoramic overlook. Along the way, we will look at some interesting plants, morteros and rock art. Meet at the entrance to Blair Valley, about a 45 minute drive from the visitor center.

**Friday, March 30, 2007**

**8:30 a.m. – Talk – The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience**

**1 Hour**

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

**Saturday, March 31, 2007**

**10:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers**

**45 Minutes**

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

**10:00 a.m. - Talk - Mules, Heroes of the West**

**1 Hour**

Join Volunteer Historical Interpreter Dick Overturf to learn about mules, why many preferred this hybrid over the horse in the 19th-century, including the San Antonio and San Diego Mail Line in 1857. A man, who was a muleskinner, packed and rode a mule for the SA&SD Mail Line, will make a guest appearance, and tell you a little about his experiences 150 years ago. Dick will pack his mule during the talk. Look for them in the Visitor Center parking lot, just beyond the new restrooms under construction. Bring a folding chair, water, hat and a jacket.

**8:00 p.m. - Campfire - ♿ - Freedom from Fear: Understanding Rattlesnakes**

**1 Hour**

Rattlesnakes are fantastic and wonderful creatures, yet some people have an unreasonable fear of them... It's time to get over it! Join Park Ranger Vic Herrick at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center to discover the amazing world of the rattlesnake.

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